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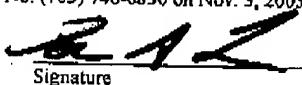
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806. If the credit check passes, the creditor generates the line of credit certificate at 808. The line of credit is received by the requester at 810 and an initial payment certificate with credit remaining equal to the full line of credit can be created at 812. This certificate is stored in the postage and  
5 certificate meter subsystem 218 memory 226.

Reference is now made to FIGURE 9 showing payment from a issued line of credit. A request for payment from the line of credit is initiated at 902. This request may be initiated by the user of the postage and certificate meter 218 as part of a transaction purchasing goods or services. If  
10 sufficient funds are determined to be not available at 904 the request is rejected at 906. If, on the other hand, sufficient funds are determined to be available at 904, the payment amount is subtracted from the credit remaining at 908 and a payment certificate is created at 910. In this manner a payment certificate is created and provided to the merchant  
15 evidencing the availability of funds to pay for the transaction and enables the merchant who receives and authenticates the payment certificate to receive funds from the requester's bank. The merchant delivers the merchandise and sends a copy of the payment certificate to the party who provided the credit to the user of the postage and certificate meter  
20 subsystem 218. This is evidence of authorization by the user and authorizes the issuer of credit to pay the merchant. This constitutes the proof of request of payment and constitutes an authorization by the user to